

MAJOR ARCANA KEYWORDS

Card	Upright*	Reversed*	For Spells
0—Fool	Beginnings, innocence, spontaneity	Holding back, recklessness, risk taking	Getting a new start; feeling free of responsibility
1—The Magician	Manifestation, resourcefulness, power, inspired action	Manipulation, poor planning, untapped talents	Improving your magick capabilities, manifesting desires
2—The High Priestess	Intuition, sacred knowledge, subconscious, divine feminine	Secrets, disconnected from intuition, withdrawal, silence	Representative of you; wielder of divine secrets/knowledge
3—The Empress	Fertility, femininity, beauty, nature, abundance	Creative block, dependence on others	Feminine/yin half of divine couple; feminine leader
4—The Emperor	Authority, establishment, structure, a father figure	Domination, lack of discipline, inflexibility	Masculine/yang half of divine couple; ultimate ruler/in charge
5—The Hierophant	Spiritual wisdom, religious beliefs, conformity, tradition	Personal beliefs, freedom, challenging status quo	Teacher of spiritual wisdom; a spiritual mentor
6—The Lovers	Love, harmony, relationships, values align, choices	Self-love, disharmony, imbalance, values misaligned	Perfect union; passion and love
7—The Chariot	Control, willpower, success, action, determination	Self-discipline, opposition, lack of direction	Powerful drive; no stopping your desire; quick achievement
8—Strength	Strength, courage, persuasion, influence, compassion	Inner strength, self-doubt, low energy, raw emotion	Providing you strength; strength in a situation
9—The Hermit	Soul searching, introspection, being alone, inner guidance	Isolation, loneliness, withdrawal	Giving you insight to self; the chance for a spiritual retreat
10—Wheel of Fortune	Good luck, karma, life cycles, destiny, turning point	Bad luck, resistance to change, breaking cycles	Change your luck; bring good luck and good fortune
11—Justice	Justice, fairness, truth, cause and effect, law	Unfairness, lack of accountability, dishonesty	Getting justice, lawsuits go your way
12—The Hanged Man	Pause, surrender, letting go, new perspectives	Delays, resistance, stalling, indecision	Giving you a new perspective; giving you relief/relaxation
13—Death	Endings, change, transformation, transition	Resistance to change, personal transformation	Putting a complete end to something undesired
14—Temperance	Balance, moderation, patience, purpose	Imbalance, excess, self-healing, realignment	Giving you balance, good health, and better perspective
15—The Devil	Shadow self, attachment, addiction, restriction, sexuality	Releasing limiting beliefs, exploring dark thoughts	Zest for life; sexual satisfaction; attractiveness
16—The Tower	Sudden change, upheaval, chaos, revelation, awakening	Personal transformation, fear of change, averting disaster	Make a dramatic change and wipe away the past
17—The Star	Hope, faith, purpose, renewal spirituality	Lack of faith, despair, self-trust, disconnection	Guiding star to provide you with knowledge; illuminate path you seek
18—The Moon	Illusion, fear, anxiety, subconscious, intuition	Release of fear, repressed emotion, inner confusion	Hide your secrets; uncover secrets of others; create an illusion
19—The Sun	Positivity, fun, warmth, success, vitality	Inner child, feeling down, overly optimistic	Success in endeavors; having fun in the process
20—Judgement	Judgement, rebirth, inner calling, absolution	Self-doubt, inner critic, ignoring the call	Someone receiving the judgement they deserve
21—World	Completion, integration, accomplishment, travel	Seeking personal closure, short-cuts, delays	Receiving “the world;” accomplishing your desires

MINOR ARCANA KEYWORDS

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FIRE SIGNS			
Ace of Wands	Inspiration, new opportunities, growth, potential	Emerging idea, lack of direction, distractions, delays	Birth a new idea; get inspiration
Two of Wands	Future planning, progress, decisions, discovery	Personal goals, inner alignment, fear of unknown, lack of planning	Provide you a plan or assistance in developing your plan
Three of Wands	Progress, expansion, foresight, overseas opportunities	Playing small, lack of foresight, unexpected delays	Help you progress in endeavors; provide new opportunities
Four of Wands	Celebration, joy, harmony, relaxation, homecoming	Personal celebration, inner harmony, conflict with others, transition	Create a marriage, a party, or a happy home
Five of Wands	Conflict, disagreements, competition, tension, diversity	Inner conflict, conflict avoidance, tension release	Create or end a creative conflict
Six of Wands	Success, public recognition, progress, self-confidence	Private achievement, personal definition of success, fall from grace, egotism	Receive recognition for your work/endeavors
Seven of Wands	Challenge, competition, protection, perseverance	Exhaustion, giving up, overwhelmed	Win a competition; provide (active) protection
Eight of Wands	Movement, fast paced change, action, alignment, air travel	Delays, frustration, resisting change, internal alignment	Travel to a desired location; make a quick but not painful change
Nine of Wands	Resilience, courage, persistence, test of faith, boundaries	Inner resources, struggle, overwhelm, defensive, paranoia	Create a boundary/defense; create (passive) protection
Ten of Wands	Burden, extra responsibility, hard work, completion	Doing it all, carrying the burden, delegation, release	Accomplishing great work; getting more work; succeeding in work
Page of Wands	Inspiration, ideas, discovery, limitless potential, free spirit	Newly formed ideas, redirecting energy, self-limiting beliefs, a spiritual path	Provide you inspiration; the child you desire to have
Knight of Wands	Energy, passion, inspired action, adventure, impulsiveness	Passion project, haste, scattered energy, delays, frustration	No strings attached lover
Queen of Wands	Courage, confidence, independence, social butterfly, determination	Self-respect, self-confidence, introverted, re-establish sense of self	Partner you want or what you want to personify
King of Wands	Natural-born leader, grand visions, long-term success	Poor leadership, aggressive goals, high expectations, personal direction	Partner you want or what you want to personify
WATER SIGNS			
Ace of Cups	Love new relationships, compassion, creativity	Self-love, intuition, repressed emotions	Bring new love interest
Two of Cups	Unified love, partnership, mutual attraction	Self-love, break-ups, disharmony, distrust	Bring a long term partner into your life (work or love)
Three of Cups	Celebration, friendship, creativity, collaborations	Independence, alone time, hardcore partying, "threes a crowd"	Have more fun and friendships in your life; have a threesome
Four of Cups	Meditation, contemplation, apathy, reevaluation	Retreat, withdrawal, checking in for alignment	Help you meditate more/better; get someone's interest

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Five of Cups	Regret, failure, disappointment, pessimism	Personal setbacks, self-forgiveness, moving on	Instigate/Get over a loss; see what you have; create a loss/sadness
Six of Cups	Revisiting the past, childhood memories, innocence, joy	Living in the past, forgiveness, lacking playfulness	Bring a past love back; instill positive feelings for you in a past love/friend
Seven of Cups	Opportunities, choices, wishful thinking, illusion	Alignment, personal values, overwhelmed by choices	Give you more love/friendship opportunities – a “buffet”
Eight of Cups	Disappointment, abandonment, withdrawal, escapism	Trying one more time, indecision, aimless drifting, walking away	Get over someone/something; cause another to leave someone
Nine of Cups	Contentment, satisfaction, gratitude, wish come true	Inner happiness, materialism, dissatisfaction, indulgence	Create an emotionally content life for yourself
Ten of Cups	Divine love, blissful relationships, harmony, alignment	Disconnection, misaligned values, struggling relationships	Your perfect family, an emotionally/love fulfilled life
Page of Cups	Creative opportunities, intuitive messages, curiosity, possibility	New ideas, doubting intuition, creative blocks, emotional immaturity	Remove creative blocks, creative opportunities, the baby you want to have
Knight of Cups	Creativity, romance, charm, imagination, beauty	Overactive imagination, unrealistic, jealous, moody	Emotionally in touch lover
Queen of Cups	Compassionate, caring, emotionally stable, intuitive	Inner feelings, self-care, self-love, co-dependency	Partner you want or what you want to personify
King of Cups	Emotionally balanced, compassionate, diplomatic	Self-compassion, inner feelings, moodiness, emotionally manipulative	Partner you want or what you want to personify
AIR SIGNS			
Ace of Swords	Breakthroughs, new ideas, mental clarity, success	Inner clarity, re-thinking an idea clouded judgement	Cut through BS; bring mental clarity to situation
Two of Swords	Difficult decisions, weighing up options, an impasse, avoidance	Indecision, confusion, information overload, stalemate	Help you make a choice; create a difficult choice for someone else
Three of Swords	Heartbreak, emotional pain, sorrow, grief, hurt	Negative self-talk, releasing pain, optimism, forgiveness	Avert or cause a heartbreak; help you feel better
Four of Swords	Rest, relaxation, meditation, contemplation, recuperation	Exhaustion, burn-out, deep contemplation, stagnation	A physical retreat or vacation
Five of Swords	Conflict, disagreements, competition, defeat, winning at all costs	Reconciliation, making amends, past resentment	Cause or end a personal conflict
Six of Swords	Transition, change, rite of passage, releasing baggage	Personal transition, resistance to change, unfinished business	Cause a change/transition; help you release someone/something
Seven of Swords	Betrayal, deception, getting away with something, acting strategically	Imposter syndrome, self-deceit, keeping secrets	Get away with something; expose someone
Eight of Swords	Negative thoughts, self-imposed restriction, imprisonment, victim mentality	Self-limiting beliefs, inner critic, releasing negative thoughts, open to new perspectives	Bind someone; remove binding
Nine of Swords	Anxiety, worry, fear, depression, nightmares	Inner turmoil, deep seated fears, secrets, releasing worry	Remove/cause anxiety, worry, or depression
Ten of Swords	Painful endings, deep wounds, betrayal, loss, crisis	Recovery, regeneration, resisting an inevitable end	End something painful; cause great heartache

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Page of Swords	New ideas, curiosity, thirst for knowledge, new ways of communicating	Self-expression, all talk and no action, haphazard action, haste	Bring new ideas and information to you, the baby you want to have
Knight of Swords	Ambitious, action-oriented, driven to succeed, fast-thinking	Restless, unfocused, impulsive, burn-out	A lover who will sweep you off your feet
Queen of Swords	Independent, unbiased judgement, clear boundaries, direct communication	Overly emotional, easily influenced, bitchy, cold hearted	Partner you want or what you want to personify
King of Swords	Mental clarity, intellectual power, authority, truth	Quiet power, inner truth, misuse of power, manipulation	Partner you want or what you want to personify
EARTH SIGNS			
Ace of Pentacles	A new financial or career opportunity, manifestation, abundance	Lost opportunity, lack of planning and foresight	Create a new career or financial opportunity
Two of Pentacles	Multiple priorities, time management, prioritization, adaptability	Over committed, disorganization, reprioritization	Help you juggle priorities; create more things for you to juggle
Three of Pentacles	Teamwork, collaboration, learning, implementation	Disharmony, misalignment, working alone	Create a good team at work
Four of Pentacles	Saving money, security, conservatism, scarcity, control	Overspending, greed, self-protection	Create wealth for yourself; create financial security
Five of Pentacles	Financial loss, poverty, lack mindset, isolation, worry	Recovery from financial loss, spiritual poverty	Cause financial loss for someone or your recovery
Six of Pentacles	Giving, receiving, sharing wealth, generosity, charity	Self-care, unpaid debts, one-sided charity	Create enough wealth you can donate more; become a philanthropist
Seven of Pentacles	Long-term view, sustainable results, perseverance, investment	Lack of long-term vision, limited success or reward	Reaping your hard work; people invest in you
Eight of Pentacles	Apprenticeship, repetitive tasks, master, skill development	Self-development, perfectionism, misdirected activity	Find a mentor/instructor
Nine of Pentacles	Abundance, luxury, financial independence	Self-worth, over-investment in work, hustling	Financial independence to do anything you want
Ten of Pentacles	Wealth, financial security, family, long-term success, contribution	The dark side of wealth, financial failure, or loss	Financially secure and happy family
Page of Pentacles	Manifestation, financial opportunity, skill development	Lack of progress, procrastination, learn from failure	Develop new skills, the baby you want to have
Knight of Pentacles	Hard work, productivity, routine, conservatism	Self-discipline, boredom, feeling 'stuck,' perfectionism	A lover who will be faithful and true
Queen of Pentacles	Nurturing, practical, providing financially, a working parent	Financial independence, self-care, work-home conflict	Partner you want or what you want to personify
King of Pentacles	Wealth, business, leadership, security, discipline, abundance	Financially inept, obsessed with wealth and status stubborn	Partner you want or what you want to personify

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